

In the claims

The following amendments are made with respect to the claims in the International application PCT/GB2004/003219.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1 (original). A laser-markable composition which comprises a pigment, a solvent and a conductive polymer that absorbs IR radiation.

2 (currently amended). ~~[[A]]~~ The composition according to claim 1, which additionally comprises a binder having a labile group.

3 (currently amended). ~~[[A]]~~ The composition according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the pigment comprises an multivalent metal that undergoes a colour change due to a change in oxidation state, on irradiation.

4 (currently amended). ~~[[A]]~~ The composition according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 3, wherein the metal ~~oxyanion~~ is an octamolybdate.

5 (currently amended). ~~[[A]]~~ The composition according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, which additionally comprises a colour-former.

6 (currently amended). ~~[[A]]~~ The composition according to claim 5, which comprises a substantially colourless electron-donating dye precursor.

7 (original). A method for providing an image on a substrate, which comprises applying to the substrate a pigment and a conductive polymer that absorbs IR radiation, followed by irradiation.

8 (currently amended). ~~[[A]]~~ The method according to claim 7, wherein the irradiation is by means of a laser emitting light at a wavelength of 800-1500 nm.